

Meeting Minutes

7.30pm Thursday 8th December 2016
Christmas break-up – Neerim Sth pub

ATTENDANCE

Present: Councillor Keith Cook and Dianne Cook, Bernard and Barbara Doherty, Nicki Cann, Rob & Helen Borman, David Mapleson, Damien McGoldrick, Carolyn Ferguson, Ian Batty, Tyson Dennis, Jeff Smythe, Margaret Mooney

Apologies:

REPORTS

Dave Mapleson – chair

Opportunities for 2017

- Noojee Market – February 2017 – need new photos to update display, try for a site on the platform – Mapo to organise
- Time to promote the heritage values in our local area including the Light Rail line, gold mines, Crossover town, Crossover Rail platform etc
- Revisit Walking Train tours – look at insurance options
- Create Facebook page
- Gunn Rd to be repaired
- Mapo has support from Richard Wadsworth – DELWP for the extension of the passive use area into the area between Gunn Rd and McDougals Rd. Suggestion to invite politicians to come and have a look at the historic sites, Lily Ambrosia suggested
- Spring multi-stakeholder working bee – annual event
- New tee shirts to promote group – looking for designs to update the logo

Councillor Keith Cook

- Concern with the closure of Hazelwood Power Station – important to promote local business and jobs
- Look at opportunities to promote local history area - Steam Rail – A Class train to run to Warragul twice a year. First run May 2017
- Volunteer thankyou to all participants – special thanks to Jeff Smythe for his support at working bees and markets. Certificate presented to Jeff – Most Valuable Member 2016
- Project suggested to improve Rail Trail surface and car park – redefine border, replace sign in car park

Carolyn Ferguson

- Pilgrim Creek Track – DELWP to repair erosion, track to be seasonally closed during winter

Further business –

- First meeting – February 3rd. Damien to work on meeting times and locations for 2017, update web-site and book halls.
- Matthew Height who has supported our group in the past has had a severe stroke, There is a fundraising campaign underway to support him to be able to return to home.